

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy nationally with 864 new fires reported for the week. Twelve new large fires were reported, 11 in the Southern Area and one in the Eastern Area. Ten large fires were contained, nine in the Southern Area and one in the Eastern Area. Very high fire indices were reported in Montana, South Dakota and Oklahoma.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:

JONES, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is three miles northwest of Colcord, OK in logging slash. Limited access and rugged terrain hampered containment efforts.

KELLYVILLE, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Okmulgee Field Office. This fire is four miles northwest of Kellyville, OK in grass and hardwood litter. Rapid rates of spread and spotting were observed.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|--------------------|----|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| JONES | OK | OKS | 150 | 80 | 3/11 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | NR |
| KELLYVILLE | OK | OMA | 700 | 60 | 3/12 | 21 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 6K |
| SAGE FEILD | OK | OKS | 700 | 100 | --- | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | NR |
| BARTON | OK | OKS | 140 | 100 | --- | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | NR |
| BRITCHES | OK | OKS | 350 | 100 | --- | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | NR |
| MULBERRY HOLLOW | OK | OKS | 150 | 100 | --- | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | NR |
| PIGEON | OK | OKS | 250 | 100 | --- | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | NR |
| ICEBOX | OK | OKS | 320 | 100 | --- | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | NR |
| PASTURE FIRE II | FL | SEA | 606 | 100 | --- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4K |
| HONEY ISLAND SWAMP | NC | NCS | 440 | 100 | --- | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69K |
| LOOKOUT | AL | ALF | 125 | 100 | --- | 43 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 50K |

SEA = Seminole Agency

NCS = North Carolina State Division of Forestry

ALF = National Forests in Alabama

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS:

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| KELOW VALLEY | MO | MOS | 179 | 100 | --- | 12 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | NR |

MOS = Missouri Department of Conservation

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: In the Southern Area, high pressure will continue to bring dry conditions to much of Florida and the south central states. However, a low pressure area may develop in the lower Mississippi Valley that could increase shower and thunderstorm potential across the entire Southeast toward the middle of next week. In the West, there is the potential for a round of moisture entering the northwest quadrant of the country during Thursday and Friday next week.

| Geographic Area Weather | High Temperatures | Minimum Relative Humidity | Wind |
|---|--|------------------------------|--|
| Southern California Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny. | 70 to 85 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 75 to 85 upper deserts. 85 to 95 lower deserts. | 10 to 30%. | Northeast to southeast 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts over Southern California and southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph over Central California. |



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

THUNDERSTORM SAFETY

Thunderstorms cause significant hazards for wildland firefighters, including downbursts that can cause extreme fire behavior and lightning. When thunderstorm development is likely, lookouts should be posted and aware of signs of a developing storm. A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm. During a storm, use the following guidelines:

- Do not lie down.
 - The best position is sitting on the pack or crouching with feet close together.
 - Avoid sitting directly on the ground, if possible; but, if necessary, keep feet and butt close together.
 - Avoid grouping together. Keep a minimum of 15 feet between people when possible.
 - Removing caulk boots will not provide safety if stocking covered or bare feet are then in contact with the ground--don't bother!
- "Stay out of dry creek beds" is correct for flash floods, but has nothing to do with lightning.
- Handheld radios (with short rubber antennas) or cell phones are safe to use. Communication is vital to crew safety. Do not use land line radios or radios with elevated antennas.
- Wide, open spaces are better than trees or clumps of trees in the vicinity. Ridge tops, etc., should be avoided.
- If you feel the hair on your arms or head "stand up," there is a high probability of a strike in the vicinity. Crouch or sit on a pack.
- Put down all tools.
- Take shelter in vehicles if possible.

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|--------|------|--------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | | | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | | 4 | 4 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | 8 | 3 | 11 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 212 | 46 | 258 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | 80 | | | | 80 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | 1 | | | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| | ACRES | | 1 | | | 2 | 16 | 19 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 9 | | 1 | | 4 | 1 | 15 |
| | ACRES | 81 | | 1 | | 14 | 0 | 96 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | 1 | 12 | 4 | 17 |
| | ACRES | | | | 1 | 2,261 | 13 | 2,275 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 30 | | 3 | 1 | 751 | 23 | 808 |
| | ACRES | 2,752 | | 302 | 1 | 7,959 | 542 | 11,556 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 39 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 779 | 38 | 864 |
| | ACRES | 2,833 | 1 | 383 | 2 | 10,449 | 618 | 14,286 |

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|--------|-------|--------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | 1 | | | | 13 | 4 | 18 |
| | ACRES | 1 | | | | 70 | 2 | 73 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | 15 | 8 | 23 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 23 | 0 | 23 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | 2 | 1 | | | 5 | 8 |
| | ACRES | | 0 | 0 | | | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 5 | 1 | 1 | | 10 | 7 | 24 |
| | ACRES | 12 | 10 | 0 | | 217 | 81 | 320 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| | ACRES | | 0 | | | | | 0 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 1 | 2 | | | | 3 |
| | ACRES | | 0 | 80 | | | | 80 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 3 | 2 | | 1 | 12 | 10 | 28 |
| | ACRES | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 982 | 16 | 1,001 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 11 | | 4 | | 14 | 4 | 33 |
| | ACRES | 266 | | 8 | | 632 | 0 | 906 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | 2 | 79 | 39 | 120 |
| | ACRES | | | | 2 | 4,082 | 505 | 4,589 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 65 | | 21 | 2 | 5,172 | 148 | 5,408 |
| | ACRES | 3,258 | | 1,747 | 2 | 31,912 | 3,188 | 40,107 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 85 | 8 | 29 | 5 | 5,315 | 225 | 5,667 |
| | ACRES | 3,538 | 11 | 1,835 | 5 | 37,918 | 3,792 | 47,099 |

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Eight Year Average Fires | 10,510 |
| Eight Year Average Acres | 178,301 |

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|--------|--------|---------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | 11 | 1 | | | 7 | 19 |
| | ACRES | | 525 | 110 | | | 225 | 860 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 7 | 7 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | 4 | | | | 5 | 9 |
| | ACRES | | 253 | | | | 90 | 343 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 911 | 911 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | 0 | | 0 | | 9 | 9 |
| | ACRES | | 16 | | 5 | | 1,260 | 1,281 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 3 | | | | 1 | 12 | 16 |
| | ACRES | 341 | | | | 185 | 10,090 | 10,616 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | 2 | | 4 | 6 |
| | ACRES | | | | 488 | | 1,381 | 1,869 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 17 | | 6 | 4 | 59 | 101 | 187 |
| | ACRES | 1,159 | | 1,411 | 3,953 | 30,768 | 79,482 | 116,773 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 20 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 60 | 140 | 248 |
| | ACRES | 1,500 | 794 | 1,521 | 4,446 | 30,953 | 93,446 | 132,660 |

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | 1 | 46 | 17 | | | 22 | 86 |
| | ACRES | 522 | 7,340 | 1,134 | | | 1,000 | 9,996 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | 2 | 0 | 1 | | 7 | 10 |
| | ACRES | | 21 | 7,094 | 195 | | 212 | 7,522 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | 2 | 1 | | | 20 | 23 |
| | ACRES | | 52 | 3 | | | 332 | 387 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | 5 | | | | 16 | 21 |
| | ACRES | | 753 | | | | 1,482 | 2,235 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | 2 | | | 1 | 6 | 9 |
| | ACRES | | 74 | | | 34 | 934 | 1,042 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 |
| | ACRES | | 1 | 0 | | | | 1 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 1 | 8 | | 4 | | 57 | 70 |
| | ACRES | 23 | 17,859 | | 62 | | 4,930 | 22,874 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 17 | 2 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 55 | 98 |
| | ACRES | 2,640 | 31 | 2,605 | 144 | 1,215 | 14,197 | 20,832 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | 37 | 4 | 0 | 23 | 64 |
| | ACRES | | | 3,634 | 608 | 1,120 | 11,387 | 16,749 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 22 | | 59 | 9 | 140 | 487 | 717 |
| | ACRES | 2,869 | | 44,390 | 9,970 | 88,962 | 421,411 | 567,602 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 41 | 68 | 125 | 24 | 149 | 693 | 1,100 |
| | ACRES | 6,054 | 26,131 | 58,860 | 10,979 | 91,331 | 455,885 | 649,240 |

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| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

| AREA | CREWS FED | CREWS ST/OT | ENGS FED | ENGS ST/OT | HELI FED | HELI ST/OT | AIRT FED | AIRT ST/OT | OVRHD FED | OVRHD ST/OT |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Alaska | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northwest | | | 2 | | | | | | 6 | |
| Northern California | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern California | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Northern Rockies | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Great Basin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Western Great Basin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rocky Mountain | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Area | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern Area | | | 4 | 6 | 1 | | | | 6 | 25 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 25 |

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